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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

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1. APPROACHING CONGRESS FOR DOLS 220 MILLION IN U.S. FUNDS TO HELP FINANCE OUR COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR A JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE IS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE THIS YEAR, GIVEN THE ATTITUDES IN THE CONGRESS AND OUR PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT NO U.S. FINANCING WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE SALE OF BASIC HAWK/VULCAN EQUIPMENT TO JORDAN. EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR US TO MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH, WE WOULD IN EFFECT BE PROPOSING THAT U.S. AID TO JORDAN BE DOUBLED OVER CURRENT FUNDING LEVELS. IN OUR OPINION, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESS AGREEING TO SUCH A PROPOSITION.

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2. YOU SHOULD ADVISE SAUDIS THAT IN LIGHT OF POSITION
CONVEYED TO YOU BY PRINCE FAHD ON MAY 4 AND KING HUSSEIN'S
MAY 11 MESSAGE INFORMING ME OF HIS DECISION TO EXPLORE THE
ACQUISITION OF SOVIET AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT NOW THAT THE
HAWK/VULCAN DEAL HAS FINALLY FAILED, WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO
TERMINATE EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND TO END TRAINING MILITARY
PERSONNEL NOW ATTENDING AIR DEFENSE COURSES IN THE UNITED
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